

Resolution No.:	<u>17-537</u>
Introduced:	<u>September 18, 2012</u>
Adopted:	<u>September 18, 2012</u>

**COUNTY COUNCIL
FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND**

By: County Council

SUBJECT: Amendment to Resolution 17-443, Approval and Appropriation for the FY2013 Operating Budget for the Montgomery County Government
Amendment of Budget Provision 41 regarding the Emergency Medical Services Transport Reimbursement Program

Background

1. On May 24, 2012, the County Council approved Resolution 17-443, Approval and Appropriation for the FY2013 Operating Budget for the Montgomery County Government. Budget provision 41 specified the purposes for which revenue from an Emergency Medical Services Transport (EMST) Reimbursement Program could be spent in FY13, and provided that no funds could be spent to implement an EMST Reimbursement Program until January 1, 2013. The Council's intent in setting the January 1, 2013 spending restriction was to defer program implementation until after it was known whether Bill 17-12, the law authorizing the EMST Reimbursement Program, would be petitioned to referendum and, if so, whether it would be repealed by the voters.
2. On August 13, 2012, proponents of a referendum decided that Bill 17-12 would not be petitioned to referendum. That was the deadline for the County Board of Elections to receive the first petition signatures, and no signatures were submitted.
3. Since the program is authorized by law, the Council no longer sees a compelling reason to restrict spending funds to implement it.

Action

The County Council for Montgomery County, Maryland approves the following action:

Resolution 17-443, paragraph 41, is amended as follows:

41. This resolution appropriates \$8,330,870 to the Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service for the following items needed to implement the Emergency Medical Services Transport Reimbursement Program and the uses of revenue collected under this Program:

Third party billing	\$470,670
Community Outreach	\$200,000
Personnel Training	\$25,000
Personnel to implement program. These funds may be used to create no more than 4 new positions. One position must be a Patient Advocate.	\$335,200
Apparatus Replacement: 1 ladder truck, 1 engine, 5 EMS units	\$3,100,000
Facility Maintenance and Improvement	\$2,300,000
Service Restoration: ladder truck 1 st Battalion	\$1,300,000
Training	\$250,000
Fire and Rescue Equipment	\$350,000
Total	\$8,330,870

[These funds must not be spent before January 1, 2013. These funds must not be spent after January 1, 2013 if Bill 17-12 is repealed by referendum or is otherwise not implemented.]

If the EMST reimbursement program is implemented in FY 2013, the Fire Chief must submit a report to the Council not later than June 30, 2013 that includes for the period January 1 through May 30, 2013, the following data collected in collaboration with area hospitals.

- (a) The number of 911 calls for emergency medical services during the reporting period and a comparison to the number in this reporting period for the prior year;
- (b) The number and type of emergency medical services provided during the reporting period;
- (c) The mortality rates for County hospital for STEMI incidents, and a comparison to the rates in this reporting period for the prior year;
- (d) The number of patients arriving in hospital emergency rooms complaining of heart attack or stroke symptoms who did not arrive by ambulance and a comparison to the number in this reporting period for the prior year.
- (e) The number of invoices issued to collect revenue under this program and the average amount charged.
- (f) The number of EMS transports of out-of-County residents;
- (g) The number of hardship waivers requested and the number granted; and
- (h) The number and type of calls received by the Patient Advocate.

This is a correct copy of Council action.



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